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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ralph DLG Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands
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Dear Governor Torres:

The State Trade and Export Promotion, or STEP, program is an economic development grant that I made the Marianas eligible to receive in U.S. Public Law 112-239 and that I continue to monitor.

Last month, your State Trade Expansion Coordinator, Mr. Frank D. Cabrera, was promoting the program and encouraging local businesses to apply for funding, so I know that you, too, would like the Marianas to be participating.

I understand that the Small Business Administration, which administers the program may be reopening the application window for those states and territories that missed the earlier deadline.

This follow-on opportunity will only be available for a short period of time, however. So, I wanted to alert you and Mr. Cabrera, in the event an application from the Marianas has not been forthcoming, that the opportunity remains available, if an applicant in the Marianas can act quickly.

Please let me know if your congressional office can assist in any way

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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